

THE VOW OF PARTNERSHIP

PURSUE RELATIONALLY

To kick things off, go around the circle and ask your group to answer the following question:

What is the best gift you have ever received from your spouse?

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Welcome to the third week in our marriage series, The Vow. In this series, we dive into the truth that Wedding vows are more than a declaration of love; they hold the keys to a strong, lasting marriage. Whether you hope to get married someday or you've already tied the knot, discover what growing in these vows can mean for your future.

How has culture shaped your idea of mutual submission in marriage?

COUNSEL BIBLICALLY

You may have noticed that this week's Lifeway Lite looks a little different. That is because our staff and leadership have spent time hearing from you about what you like about Lifeway Lite, and what can be improved. From these conversations, we did our best to make Lifeway Lite better. We hope you enjoy it this week. This week Pastor Josh taught on The Vow of Partnership in our marriages.

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Marriage is a covenant, not a contract, created by God, which means: marriage is about WE, not about ME. Far too often, we enter marriage looking for what “I” get out of it, or what my spouse can do for “ME.” But we are called to something greater than ourselves, and we are called to something foreign to our human nature. The word is “Submission.”

Read Ephesians 5:21-26

Does your marriage currently reflect this view of mutual submission? What holds you back from submitting to your spouse?

The outline for Husbands leading the marriage comes in at verse 25. We want to encourage men to read that scripture this week and reflect on what God says about men's role.

Read Ephesians 5:31-33

Based on your values, your commitment, and your vision for your marriage, would you describe you and your spouse as “one”?

What are the things you need to discuss for you and your spouse to become more “one”?

Read Proverbs 29:18

Would you say that there is currently vision in your marriage (a direction or purpose that you are both pursuing)?

Pastor Josh said this week that a covenant partnership consists of Godly leadership and mutual submission. In your marriage, is there currently Godly leadership?



Have a conversation with your spouse this week. How can you both promise that your marriage will be about WE, not me?

Is there one area of your marriage that has shifted it from covenantal to contractual?

As a couple, remind each other of these phrases daily:

- I promise our marriage will be about we and not about me.
- Your marriage will be as good as both of you decide it will be.

Pray: As a group, spend some time praying over your marriage, asking God to remain the priority, to continue to pursue my two and that your marriage would be about we instead of me.

Memorize:

“And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”
Ephesians 5:21